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Applicant : Forest A. Hatcher  
Filed : 11/21/2001  
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Mechanism  
TC/A.U. : 3712  
Examiner : Ricci, John A.  
Docket No. : 4239-00006

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In response to the Office Action of January 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.



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|  |   | Art Unit               | 3712              |
|  |   | Examiner Name          | Ricci, John A.    |
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 18             | 2202 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201 86             | 2201 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203 290            | 2203 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204 86             | 2204 43       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205 18             | 2205 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| <b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b> |               | <b>(\$ 0.00)</b>   |

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| 1051 130                             | 2051 65     | 2051 65       | 2051 65     | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052 50                              | 2052 25     | 2052 25       | 2052 25     | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053 130                             | 1053 130    | 1053 130      | 1053 130    | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812 2,520                           | 1812 2,520  | 1812 2,520    | 1812 2,520  | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804 920*                            | 1804 920*   | 1804 920*     | 1804 920*   | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805 1,840*                          | 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840*   | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251 110                             | 2251 55     | 2251 55       | 2251 55     | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
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| 1253 950                             | 2253 475    | 2253 475      | 2253 475    | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254 1,480                           | 2254 740    | 2254 740      | 2254 740    | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255 2,010                           | 2255 1,005  | 2255 1,005    | 2255 1,005  | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401 330                             | 2401 165    | 2401 165      | 2401 165    | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402 330                             | 2402 165    | 2402 165      | 2402 165    | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403 290                             | 2403 145    | 2403 145      | 2403 145    | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451 1,510                           | 1451 1,510  | 1451 1,510    | 1451 1,510  | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452 110                             | 2452 55     | 2452 55       | 2452 55     | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453 1,330                           | 2453 665    | 2453 665      | 2453 665    | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501 1,330                           | 2501 665    | 2501 665      | 2501 665    | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502 480                             | 2502 240    | 2502 240      | 2502 240    | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503 640                             | 2503 320    | 2503 320      | 2503 320    | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460 130                             | 1460 130    | 1460 130      | 1460 130    | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
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| 1810 770                             | 2810 385    | 2810 385      | 2810 385    | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 1801 770                             | 2801 385    | 2801 385      | 2801 385    | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802 900                             | 1802 900    | 1802 900      | 1802 900    | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |
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